

REMARKS

The Applicant has filed herewith an Information Disclosure Statement that cites the prior art than was cited in the parent case. Applicant requests consideration of these references in this patent application.

In the amendment presented above, Applicant has amended claim 21 to address the issue pointed to by the Examiner. In addition, claims 6-13 have been cancelled. Thus, the 101 double patenting rejection of claims 6-13 is now moot.

Applicant has also filed herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to US. Patent No. 6,588,899 and US Patent No. 6,343,850. This terminal disclaimer overcomes the obviousness double patent rejections outlined by the Examiner in paragraphs 4-9 of the Office Action.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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